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1. EMBOFF ON AUG 24 DISCUSSED THE WORKINGS OF HE
COLOMBO CONFERENCE WITH MEMBER OF NEPALESE DELEGATIION,
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NAVENDRA SHAH. SHAH SAID THAT PRO-
CEEDINGS WERE CONDUCTED ON A RATHER MORE COOPERATIVE
AND UNCONTENTIOUS MANNER THAN NEPAL HAD FEARED MIGHT
BE THE FASE. HE CITED THE FATHER-FIGURE AUTHORITY OF
YUGOSLAVIA AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN KEEPING THE REDICALS
ON ELASH AND FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF UNITY. IN PARTICULAR,
HE SAID THAT ON THE WHOLEBOTH THE CUBANS AND THE NORTH
KOREANS BEHAVED THEMSELVES QUITE WELL AND WERE NOT UN-
DULY PUSHY OR OBSTREPEROUS, ATTRIBUTING THIS TO THEIR
REPSECTIVE ASPIRATIONS TO PLAYING NAM HOST IN THE FUTURE.
SHAH DOWNPLAYED EVIDENCES OF IN-FIGHTING OR DEVELOP-
MENT PF CLIQUES WITHIN NAM, NOTING ONLY LAOTIAN-
FRONTED ATTACK ON ASEAN AND DEFEAT OF ASEAM ZONE OF
PEACE PROPOSAL. OVERALL, HE CHARACTERIZED THE CON-
FERENCE AS QUIRE SUCCESSFUL AND AN IMPORTANT EVENT
IN REINFORCING THE INTEGRITY AND COHESIVENESS OF THE
NON-ALSIGNED MOVEMENT.

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2. IN DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR ON AUG 25, PALACE PRESS SECRETARY CHIRAN THAPA COVERED MUCH THE SAME GROUND, ALTHOUGH HE WAS LESS CHARITABLE TOWARD THE NORTH KOREANS, WHO, HE FELT, PRESENTED RATHER A BUMBLING IMAGE. THAPA THOUGHT THAT ANTI-U.S. RHETORIC WAS LESS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS REGISTERED ON THE NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION WAS A REAL PLUS FOR THE U.S. HE COMMENTED THAT THE CONFERENCE AS MATURING, WITH INDIVIDUAL NATIONS INCREASINGLY REFUSING TO BE BULLDOZED BY RADICALS PUSHING PET RESOLUTIONS, AND MORE GRAPPLING WITH THE REAL ISSUES FACING THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

4. IN REGARD TO NEPAL'S OVER-ALL POSITION ON CONFERENCE'S RESOLUTIONS, BOTH SHAH & THAPA EXPLAINED THAT NEPAL, RATHER THAN ISSUING RESERVATIONS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, HAD REGISTERED A "BLANKET RESERVATION" STATING THAT NEPAL RESERVED ON ANY RESOLUTION WHICH DIFFERED FROM NEPAL'S OFFICIAL POLICY AS ENUNCIATED IN KING BIRENDRA'S NASC SPEECH.
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